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SUBJECT: JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE CONFERENCE

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1. RSS RELUCTANT INTERJECT JUDGMENT INTO POST PROBLEMS, BUT ACUTE SHORTAGE OF MSGS AVAILABLE TAD AND CURRENT DEPLOYMENT OF MSGS AT TEL AVIV APPEARS REQUIRE FURTHER CONSIDERATION. WOULD MENTION, ALSO, THAT NEITHER RMO NOR RSS HAS BEEN INFORMED OF CONFERENCE REQUIREMENT, LEADING RMO TO QUESTION WHY MSG GRANTED LEAVE IF CONFERENCE REQUIREMENT KNOWN TO POST.

2. IN REFERENCE TO QUOTE CURRENT LEVEL OF CONSTRUCTION IN CHANCERY UNQUOTE CITED IN REFTEL B, RSS HAS NO RECORD OF ANY MAJOR PROJECTS REQUIRING CONSEC ASSISTANCE. IN DISCUSSING POST WITH SO/T PETERSON, RECENTLY RETURNED FROM TDY AT TEL AIV, HE MENTIONED INSTALLATION OF DAY GATE IN LOBBY, POSSIBLE MODIFICATION OF PARENT ROOM IN ANTICIPATION OF RECEIVING A NEW ACR AND POSSIBLE CONSTRUCTION OF MSG POST IN BASEMENT OF CHANCERY.

3. APPEARS THAT CONSEC NOT REQUIRED FOR DAY GATE, SINCE WITHIN VIEW OF MSG POST NO. 1. OTHER WORK COULD BE HELD IN ABEYANCE UNTIL AFTER CONFERENCE.

4. TEL AVIV DETACHMENT WILL HAVE NCOIC AND SEVEN WATCHSTANDERS, DESPITE MSG ON LEAVE AND CPL LYSNE ON TAD TO NEW DELHI, WHILE JERUSALEM WILL HAVE FULL COMPLEMENT OF NCOIC AND FIVE WATCHSTAN-

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DERS, MAKING TOTAL OF FOURTEEN EFFECTIVES FOR BOTH POSTS.

5. IF RSO AND BOTH NCOICS USED TO ESCORT PAREN NOT CARRY PAREN CLASSIFIED MATERIAL FROM AIRCRAFT TO CONFERENCE SITE, IT SHOULD ONLY REQUIRE THREE WATCHSTANDERS TO PROVIDE CONFERENCE SECURITY.

6. IT WAS NOTED THAT AT TEL AVIV YOU USE THREE WATCHSTANDERS DURING DAY, I.E., POST NO. 1 IN LOBBY; POST NO. 2 AS ROVER; AND POST NO. 3 IN BASEMENT, WATCHING COMMISSARY TRAFFIC. BELIEVE POST COULD AFFORD TO DISPENSE WITH ROVING MSG DURING CONFERENCE. AS FOR POST IN COMMISSARY, WOULD SEEM THAT ENTRANCE BETWEEN COMMISSARY AND UPSTAIRS OF CHANCERY COULD BE SEALED. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT CONTINUED SHORTAGE OF MSG MANPOWER MAY REQUIRE POST TO ABOLISH COMMISSARY WATCH IN FAVOR OF OTHER ALTERNATIVES.

7. IF POST DOES NOT SEE FIT TO ADOPT SUGGESTIONS, THERE REMAINS ALTERNATIVE OF WORKING MSGS AS MANY ADDITIONAL HOURS AS REQUIRED FOR FIVE DAYS OF CONFERENCE.

8. REQUEST YOU SUBMIT PLAN FOR PROVIDING CONFERENCE SECURITY WITHOUT TAD ASSISTANCE. ALSO PLEASE NOTIFY BEIRUT AND NEWDELHI OF TRAVEL AND ARRIVAL DATA PERTAINING TO CPL. LYSNE.
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